

House Bill 1242

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 21-5-73 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to lobbyist disclosure reports, so as to require the disclosure of certain lobbyist expenditures regarding members of the State Transportation Board; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Transportation Board, so as to provide that certain provisions regarding financial disclosures shall be applicable to members of such board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 21-5-73 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to lobbyist disclosure reports, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) For purposes of this subsection 'board member' means a member of the State Transportation Board. Reports filed by lobbyists shall be verified and shall include:

(1) A description of all expenditures, as defined in Code Section 21-5-70, or the value thereof made by the lobbyist or employees of the lobbyist on behalf or for the benefit of a public officer or a board member. The description of each reported expenditure shall include:

(A) The name and title of the public officer or board member or, if the expenditure is simultaneously incurred for an identifiable group of public officers the individual identification of whom would be impractical, a general description of that identifiable group;

(B) The amount, date, and description of the expenditure and a summary of all spending classified by category. Such categories shall include gifts, meals, entertainment, lodging, equipment, advertising, travel, and postage;

(C) The provisions of Code Section 21-5-70 notwithstanding, aggregate expenditures described in divisions (1)(E)(vii) and (1)(E)(x) of Code Section 21-5-70 incurred during

the reporting period; provided, however, expenses for travel and for food, beverage, and lodging in connection therewith afforded a public officer shall be reported in the same manner as under subparagraphs (A), (B), and (D) of this paragraph;

(D) If applicable, the number of the bill, resolution, ordinance, or regulation pending before the governmental entity in support of or opposition to which the expenditure was made; and

(E) If applicable, the rule or regulation number or description of the rule or regulation pending before the state agency in support of or opposition to which the expenditure was made;

(2) For those who are lobbyists within the meaning of subparagraph (G) of paragraph (5) of Code Section 21-5-70, the name of any vendor or vendors for which the lobbyist undertook to influence the awarding of a contract or contracts by any state agency together with a description of the contract or contracts and the monetary amount of the contract or contracts; and

(3) For those who are lobbyists within the meaning of subparagraph (H) of paragraph (5) of Code Section 21-5-70, the name of the individual or entity for which the lobbyist undertook to influence the rule or regulation of a state agency."

## SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Transportation Board, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"32-2-23.

Members of the board shall be subject to the provisions provided for in Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 21, relating to financial disclosure statements and public officials conduct, in the same manner that such provisions are applicable to a public officer as defined pursuant to subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (22) of Code Section 21-5-3."

## SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.